

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

**IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM MEADOR,) CASE #01-2462
STAR #12803, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)
CITY OF CHICAGO,) C. R. #256593
)
RESPONDENT.)**

FINDINGS AND DECISION

On June 1, 2001, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago, seeking the separation of Police Officer **WILLIAM MEADOR**, Star #12803, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent" for violation of the following rules:

- RULE 1** - “ Violation of any law or ordinance.”
- RULE 2** - “ Any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.”
- RULE 6** - “ Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.”
- RULE 8** - “ Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.”
- RULE 15** - “ Intoxication on or off duty.”
- RULE 38** - “ Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of weapon.”

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer **WILLIAM MEADOR**, Star #12803, to be heard by **JACQUELINE A. WALKER**, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on October 26, 2001. Following the Hearing, the members of the Police Board

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read and reviewed the certified transcription of the proceedings of the hearing.

JACQUELINE A. WALKER, Hearing Officer made an oral report and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered a decision.

As a result of the foregoing, the Police Board of the City of Chicago finds and determines that:

- (1) The Respondent was, at all times mentioned herein, a Police Officer employed by the Department of Police of the City of Chicago;
- (2) The charges were filed, in writing, and a Notice, stating the time, date and place, when and where a hearing on the charges was to be held, together with a copy of the original charges were served upon the Respondent more than five (5) days prior to the hearing on the charges;
- (3) Throughout the hearing, the Respondent did appear in person and was represented by legal counsel; The Respondent plead guilty to the charges;
- (4) The Respondent, Police Officer **WILLIAM MEADOR**, Star #12803, as charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to-wit:

RULE 1 - "Violation of any law or ordinance", in the following instances:

- (A) On or about September 14, 1999, at or near 5401 South Pulaski Road, while off duty and without lawful authority, he discharged his firearm in the City, a violation of Chicago Municipal Ordinance Chapter 8-24-010.
- (B) On or about September 14, 1999, between 5401 South Pulaski Road and 5445 South Millard Avenue, while off duty, he operated his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, in violation of Illinois Complied Statues, 625 ILCS 5/11-501 (a)(2).

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(C) On or about September 14, 1999, at or near the intersection of 55th Street and Lawndale Avenue, while off duty and without lawful authority, he pointed a firearm at Jevon Ollins, thus engaging in aggravated assault in violation of Illinois Complied Statues, 720 ILCS 5/12-2.

(D) On or about September 14, 1999, in the vicinity of 55th Street between Lawndale Avenue and Millard Avenue, while off duty and without lawful authority, he pointed a firearm at Delia Rojas and/or Carmen Martinez, thus engaging in aggravated assault in violation of Illinois Complied Statutes, 720 ILCS 5/12-2.

(E) On or about September 14, 1999, at or near 5445 South Millard Avenue, while off duty and without lawful authority, he pointed a firearm at Felix Torrado, thus engaging in aggravated assault in violation of Illinois Complied Statutes, 720 ILCS 5/12-2.

(F) On or about September 14, 1999, at or near 5445 South Millard Avenue, while off duty and without lawful authority, he pointed a firearm at Police Officer John Raymond DeHeer, in violation of Illinois Complied Statutes, 720 ILCS 5/12-2.

(G) On or about December 29, 2000, after a bench trial, he was found guilty of four counts of Aggravated Assault, one count of Driving under the Influence of Alcohol, one count of Discharging a Firearm within the city and one count of Improper Lane Usage.

(5) The Respondent, Police Officer **WILLIAM MEADOR**, Star #12803, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to-wit:

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RULE 2 - "Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department", in the following instances:

- (A) On or about September 14, 1999, at or near 5401 South Pulaski Road, while off duty, he discharged his firearm in the City.
- (B) On or about September 14, 1999, in the vicinity of 55th Street and Lawndale Avenue, while off duty, he caused one or more traffic collisions while driving under the influence of alcohol.
- (C) On or about September 14, 1999, at or near the intersection of 55th Street and Lawndale Avenue, he pointed a firearm at Jevon Ollins, without lawful authority.
- (D) On or about September 14, 1999, in the vicinity of 55th Street between Lawndale Avenue and Millard Avenue, he pointed a firearm at Delia Rojas and/or Carmen Martinez, without lawful authority.
- (E) On or about September 14, 1999, at or near 5445 South Millard Avenue, while off duty, he pointed a firearm at Felix Torrado and /or Police Officer John Raymond DeHeer, without lawful authority.,
- (F) On or about December 29, 2000, after a bench trial, he was found guilty of four counts of Aggravated Assault, one count of Driving under the Influence of Alcohol, one count of Discharging a Firearm within the city, and one count of Improper Lane Usage.

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(G) On or about September 14, 1999, a Breath Alcohol Test administered to him revealed that he had a Breath Alcohol level of approximately 0.163%, thus being intoxicated.

(H) On or about September 14, 1999, at or near 5401 South Pulaski Road, he was in possession of his weapon after his physical and/or mental abilities were diminished due to his having consumed alcoholic beverages, in violation of General Order 92-3, III, C.

(I) On or about September 14, 1999, he failed to notify the Office of Emergency Communications or the Desk Sergeant of the district of the occurrence immediately following the discharge of his weapon that occurred at or near 5401 South Pulaski Road, in violation of General Order 99-01, V.A.1.a and d.

(J) On or about September 14, 1999, he failed to provide an account regarding the discharge of his weapon that occurred at or near 5401 South Pulaski Road, including a Weapon Discharge Report, in violation of General Order 99-01, V.A.1f.

(K) On or about September 14, 1999, he failed to provide an oral report without delay to the person responsible for conducting the investigation regarding the discharge of his weapon that occurred at or near 5401 South Pulaski Road, in violation of General Order 99-01, V.B1.

(L) On or about September 14, 1999, he refused to provide

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information for the Alcoholic Influence Field Report following the discharge of his weapon that occurred at or near 5401 South Pulaski Road, in violation of General Order 93-3-5, F.2.b.3. through 6.

(M) On or about April 5, 2000, at the Office of Professional Standards, he refused to answer questions regarding Complaint Register #256593, and thereby failed to cooperate with personnel from the Office of Professional Standards, in violation of General Order 93-3-2A, II.A2.

(N) On or about April 5, 2000, at the Office of Professional Standards, he failed to comply with a direct order of a superior officer, Sergeant William Moss, to answer any and all questions relative to Complaint Register Investigation listed under C.R.#256593.

6) The Respondent, Police Officer **WILLIAM MEADOR**, Star #12803, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to-wit:

RULE 6 - “ Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral”, in the following instances:

(A) On or about September 14, 1999, at or near 5401 South Pulaski Road, he was in possession of his weapon after his physical and/or mental abilities were diminished due to having consumed alcoholic beverages, in violation of General Order 92-3, III, C.

(B) On or about September 14, 1999, he failed to notify the Office of Emergency Communications or the Desk Sergeant of the district of occurrence immediately following the discharge of his weapon that occurred at or near 5401 South Pulaski Road, in violation of General Order 99-01, V. A.1.a and d.

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(C) On or about September 14, 1999, he failed to provide an account regarding the discharge of his weapon that occurred at or near 5401 South Pulaski Road, including a Weapon Discharge Report, in violation of General Order 99-01, V. A.1f.

(D) On or about September 14, 1999, he failed to provide an oral report without delay to the person responsible for conducting the investigation regarding the discharge of his weapon that occurred at or near 5401 South Pulaski Road, in violation of General Order 99-01, V.B.1.

(E) On or about April 5, 2000, at the Office of Professional Standards, he refused to answer questions regarding Complaint Register #256593, and thereby failed to cooperate with personnel from the Office of Professional Standards, in violation of General Order 93-3-2A, II.A.2.

(F) On or about April 5, 2000, at the Office of Professional Standards, he failed to comply with a direct order of a superior officer, Sgt. William Moss, to answer any and all questions relative to Complaint Register Investigation listed under C.R. 256593.

7) The Respondent, Police Officer **WILLIAM MEADOR**, Star #12803, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to-wit:

RULE 8 - “ Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty”, in the following instances:

(A) On or about September 14, 1999, at or near 55th Street and Lawndale Avenue while off duty, he maltreated Jevon Ollins in that he pointed a firearm at Ollins and/or threatened to kill him.

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(B) On or about September 14, 1999, in the vicinity of 55th Street between Lawndale Avenue and Millard Avenue, while off duty, he maltreated Delia Rojas and/or Carmen Martinez, in that he pointed a firearm at Rojas and/or Martinez.

(C) On or about September 14, 1999, at or near 5445 South Millard Avenue while off duty, he maltreated Felix Torrado in that he pointed a firearm at Torrado and /or threatened to kill him.

(D) On or about September 14, 1999, at or near 5445 South Millard Avenue while off duty, he maltreated Police Officer John Raymond DeHeer in that he pointed a firearm at DeHeer.

8) The Respondent, Police Officer **WILLIAM MEADOR**, Star #12803, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to-wit:

RULE 15 - “ Intoxication on or off duty.”

On or about September 14, 1999, he submitted to a Breath Alcohol Test, which results revealed that he had a blood alcohol level of approximately 0.163%, thus being intoxicated while off duty.

9) The Respondent, Police Officer **WILLIAM MEADOR**, Star #12803, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to-wit:

RULE 38 - “ Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of weapon”, in the following instances:

(A) On or about September 14, 1999, at or near 5401 South Pulaski Road while off duty, he unlawfully and unnecessarily displayed and used his weapon.

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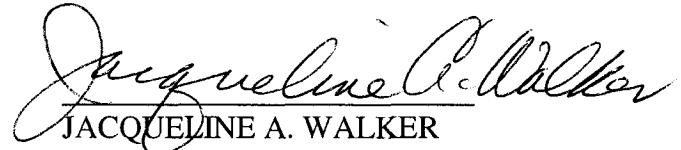
(B) On or about September 14, 1999, in the vicinity of 55th Street between Lawndale Avenue, while off duty, he unlawfully and unnecessarily displayed his weapon when he pointed a firearm at Jevon Ollins without justification.

(C) On or about September 14, 1999, in the vicinity of 55th Street between Lawndale Avenue and Millard Avenue, he unlawfully and unnecessarily displayed his weapon when he pointed a firearm at Delia Rojas and/or Carmen Martinez without justification.

(D) On or about September 14, 1999, in the vicinity of 5445 South Millard Avenue, while off duty, he unlawfully displayed his weapon when he pointed a firearm at Felix Torrado without justification.

(E) On or about September 14, 1999, in the vicinity of 5445 South Millard Avenue, while off duty, he unlawfully displayed his weapon when he pointed a firearm at Police Officer John Raymond DeHeer without justification.

BY REASON of the findings of fact and of guilty herein, cause exists for the suspension of Respondent, Police Officer **WILLIAM MEADOR**, Star #12803 from the Department of Police and from the services of the City of Chicago from June 1, 2001 to



JACQUELINE A. WALKER
Hearing Officer

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D E C I S I O N

The members of the Police Board, having read and reviewed the certified copy of the transcription of the hearing, having received the oral report of the Hearing Officer, **JACQUELINE A. WALKER**, and having conferred with the Hearing Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopt all findings herein and, in reaching its decision as to the penalty imposed, the Board has taken into account not only the facts of this case but also the respondent's complimentary and disciplinary history, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the respondent, Police Officer **WILLIAM MEADOR**, Star # 12803, as a result of having been found guilty of the charges in Police Board Case No. 01-2462, is hereby suspended from his position as a Police Officer, and from the services of the City of Chicago, from June 2, 2001, to and including February 8, 2002

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 31ST DAY
OF JANUARY, 2002.

William F. Kline, Jr.
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Patricia C. Boller
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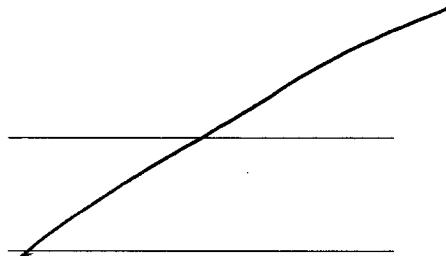
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Executive Director, Police Board

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D I S S E N T

The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from the decision of the majority of the Board.



RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS COMMUNICATION

THIS 4 DAY OF Feb., 2002

FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
RECORDS SECTION

26 April 2000

TO:

CHIEF STANDING OFFICER OF UNIT 113

FROM:

INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

SUBJECT:

PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF:

NAME: [REDACTED] RANK: [REDACTED] STAR: [REDACTED]

RANK: [REDACTED] NAME: [REDACTED] S.S.N.: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 256-593

REFERENCE:

COMPLAINT NUMBER(S): [REDACTED]

DISCIPLINARY RECORDS FOR THE SUBJECT NAMED ABOVE HAS BEEN REQUESTED FROM THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION.

RANK: [REDACTED] NAME: [REDACTED] STAR: [REDACTED] S.S.N.: [REDACTED] UNIT: [REDACTED]

RELAWSUIT OR A SUSTAINED FINDING IN THE INVESTIGATION ON THE ABOVE REFERENCED COMPLAINT NUMBER(S) IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE RECORDS SECTION, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, DISCLOSES THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTION(S) ADMINISTERED TO THE SUBJECT ACCUSED, FOR THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS

VERIFIED BY:

NONE

D. S. O. SHARON TEA JOHNSON

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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMPLIMENTARY HISTORY

DATE 26 April 2000

NAME Meador, William A. RANK PO SSN [REDACTED] STAR 12803 UNIT 10/376

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DEPARTMENT

COMMENDATIONS : _____

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C.R.# 256593

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